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FOLLOWING REPEAT MANAGUA 1051 ACTION SECSTATE INFO MEXICO
DATED MAR 03:

QTE: UNCLAS MANAGUA 1051

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PGOV, PINS, SHUM, NU

SUBJECT: SOMOZA'S INVITATION REJECTED BY I-A PRESS ASSOCIATION

1. FONMIN QUINTANA IN A PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 1 ADVISED THAT THE GON HAD INSTRUCTED ITS AMB IN MEXICO TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSN (IAPA) TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO REVIEW THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE GON WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE COURT. HOWEVER, HE SAID, BECAUSE OF THE SEPARATION OF POWERS, THE VISIT WOULD NOT BE INVESTIGATIVE BUT RATHER SIMPLY TO BE INFORMATIVE REGARDING THE DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATORY PROCESS.

2. ACCORDING TO NOVEDADES AND OTHER MEDIA SOURCES THE IAPA HAS REJECTED THE INVITATION. A MARCH 3 PRESS REPORT FROM CANUN, MEXICO
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REPORTED IN NOVEDADES STATES THE REASON FOR THE REJECTION IS THAT THE IAPA DOES NOT INTERVENE IN INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES BECAUSE IT IS NOT LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO DO SO AND IT DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE MEANS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPLICATED PROCEDURES WHICH ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GON. THE REPORT GOES ON TO SAY THAT TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION COULD CAUSE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WHATEVER PERSON COULD BE ACCUSED OF THE ASSASSINATION AS WELL AS

PRODUCING PUBLICITY WHICH COULD PREDUDICE THE DEFENSE OF WHOEVER
IS ACCUSED.
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